AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application. Deletions are ~~strikethrough~~ and additions are underlined.

1. (Currently amended) A screen applied to overlay a gutter on an outside edge of a roof of a building said screen comprising a panel of generally planar mesh affixed along one edge of the panel to the roof and along the opposite edge of the panel to the top outside edge of the gutter with the panel adapted to prevent the entry of leaves and other tree debris into the gutter while allowing water to flow through holes in the mesh and into the gutter, the mesh being formed of moulded plastics material and the panel having an electrically powered heating ~~strand~~ wire extending along the panel and overlying the gutter in the direction of said one edge of the panel, wherein said wire is clipped into clips and the clips are retained on the mesh by being inserted into said holes..

2. (Previously presented) The screen according to claim 1 wherein said mesh is formed of an electrically insulating polymer material.

3. (Previously presented) The screen according to claim 1 wherein the heating strand is a wire having an electrically insulating coating thereon.

4 – 10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) The screen according to claim 1 wherein the mesh comprises: a top face and a bottom face on respective opposite sides of the mesh, a first array of parallel strands, hereinafter called longitudinal strands, aligned in the direction of said one edge of the panel, and a second array of parallel strands, hereinafter called lateral strands, integrally moulded with and aligned at right angles to the first array, said first and second arrays of strands defining mesh apertures therebetween extending from said top face to said bottom face, the thickness of the longitudinal strands extends for substantially the full thickness of the mesh from said top face to

said bottom face, and the thickness of the lateral strands extends along their full length, from said top face to less than 80% of the thickness of the mesh.

12. (Previously presented) The screen according to claim 11 wherein the lateral strands are spaced closer to each other than are the longitudinal strands.

13. (Previously presented) The screen according to claim 11 wherein the apertures have an oval shape with their longer axis parallel to the lateral strands.

14. (Previously presented) The screen according to claim 11 wherein a flat strip portion lies along said opposite edge of the panel and parallel to the longitudinal strands, said strip portion being substantially flat on its top face which blends gently with said top face of the remainder of the mesh.

15. (Previously presented) The screen according to claim 11 wherein the lateral strands are made from a stiffer material than that from which the longitudinal strands are made.

16. (Previously presented) The screen according to claim 15 wherein the lateral strands are formed from a material having a greater elastic resilience than the material from which the longitudinal strands are made.

17. (Previously presented) The screen according to claim 15 wherein the lateral strands are high density polyethylene and the longitudinal strands are a mixture of low density polyethylene and high density polyethylene and the mesh is formed using a plastics co-extrusion process.

18. (Previously presented) The screen according to claim 14 wherein the mesh is affixed to the gutter by means of mating strips of a textile hook and loop fastening system adhered to said flat strip portion and to said top outside edge of the gutter.

19. (Previously presented) The screen according to claim 1 wherein the mesh is affixed to the gutter by means of screws through the flat strip portion.

20. (Withdrawn) A sheet mesh of plastics material for application upon or above a roof gutter to prevent the entry of unwanted materials into the gutter, said mesh comprising:--a first face and a second face on respective opposite sides of the mesh, and--a first array of parallel strands aligned in a first direction integrally moulded with a second array of parallel strands aligned substantially at right angles to the first array, said strands defining mesh apertures therebetween, wherein a pair of strands in the first array are adapted to clasp therebetween an electrical resistance heating wire.

21 - 23. (canceled)